

UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION



Military and Overseas Absentee Ballot Survey 2004

The following form and its attachments should be completed on-line. Completed forms should be returned to the United States Election Assistance Commission via email to SurveyResponse@eac.gov on or before January 31, 2005.

Please complete all of the fields below. Specific instructions relative to certain questions are found at the end of this form. If your question or concern is not answered in the instructions section of this form, please contact Brian Hancock at 202-566-3100.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For each of the following questions please respond in the space provided, below.

STATE:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TITLE:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

DATE:

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

For each of the following questions, please respond with data from each county or local election jurisdiction in your state. A sample spreadsheet has been provided for your convenience in responding to these questions.

Question 1. What was the total number of absentee ballots transmitted by your State (including ballots transmitted by mail, fax, e-mail or courier) to (a) domestic military citizens, (b) overseas military citizens, and (c) overseas citizens (collectively, "military and overseas citizens") for the November 2, 2004 general election?

Question 2. What is the total number of advanced ballots transmitted by your State to military and overseas citizens for the November 2, 2004 election?

Question 3. What was the total number of absentee ballots returned to your State by (a) domestic military citizens, (b) absent military citizens, and (c) overseas citizens for the November 2, 2004 general election? (NOTE: Please **do not** include Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots as question 7 asks for information about these ballots.)

Question 4. Of the total number of absentee ballots distributed to or returned by military and overseas citizens, how many were transmitted or returned by (a) mail, (b) facsimile, and (c) e-mail?

Question 5. Of the total number of absentee ballots returned by military and overseas citizens, how many were actually counted by your State for the November 2, 2004 general election?

Question 6. Of those military and overseas citizen absentee ballots **not counted**, provide the number of ballots rejected due to the fact that the ballot (a) lacked a postmark, (b) lacked the voter's signature, (c) contained no verifiable signature, (d) had no date of signature, (e) had no notary or witness signature, (f) had no date of notary or witness signature, (g) was received after the State deadline, (h) was returned as undeliverable, or (i) was rejected for another reason. (Use "N/A" if not the category of rejection is not applicable to your State)

Please provide additional clarifying information for any ballots itemized under "other" for Question 6.

Question 7. How many Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWAB) did your jurisdiction receive from absent uniformed services and overseas voters for the November 2, 2004 general election?

JURISDICTIONS RESPONDING

Question 8. Please indicate here the total number of your local jurisdictions and then the number that reported.

TOTAL NUMBER OF
LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

TOTAL NUMBER OF
JURISDICTIONS REPORTING

If data are missing because some jurisdictions failed to report or for some other reason, please explain any other reasons for missing data below.

Question 9. Provide the name and contact information for each local election jurisdiction official that provided information for the purpose of responding to this survey. (Please respond on the attached spreadsheet.)

Question 10. Has your State designated a single office responsible for providing information regarding voter registration procedures and absentee ballot procedures to be used by absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters?

Yes

No

If so, please provide the name of the office and the contact information for the person primarily responsible for that function.

Office:

Name:

Title:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Instructions:

Please answer every question. Do not leave any questions blank. If your State does not collect a specific piece of data requested or data is unavailable for some other reason, please signify by placing N/A in the blank and noting the reason that data was not provided. This survey seeks information on both a State and local election jurisdiction level. Please include both individual election jurisdiction data as well as aggregate data for the entire State in your responses.

Definitions:

“Advance Ballots” means any Special Write-In Absentee Ballot, State Write-In Absentee Ballot, Special Write-In Early Ballot or Blank Absentee Ballot that is distributed by a State in advance of the publication of an official ballot for a federal election on which military and overseas citizens are allowed to write in the name of the candidate in each contest for whom they choose to vote.

“Domestic Military” encompasses

(A) a member of a uniformed service on active duty who, by reason of such active duty, is stationed or positioned within the United States or its territories, and who is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote;

(B) a member of the merchant marine who, by reason of service in the merchant marine, is serving within the United States and its territories, and who is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote; and

(C) a spouse or dependent of a member referred to in subparagraph (A) or (B) who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote.

“ Overseas Military” include:

(A) a member of a uniformed service on active duty who, by reason of such active duty, is stationed or positioned outside of the United States and its territories, and who is thus absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote;

(B) a member of the merchant marine who, by reason of service in the merchant marine, is serving outside of the United States and its territories, and who is thus absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote; and

(C) a spouse or dependent of a member referred to in subparagraph (A) or (B) who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote.

“Overseas Citizens” are persons who are citizens of the United States who are living, working or stationed outside of the United States and its territories and who are not members of a uniformed service.

“Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)” is a ballot available to a military or overseas citizen when the absent uniformed services member or citizen outside the United States (including APO and FPO addresses) does not receive the regular absentee ballot from the State after having made a timely application for the ballot. The FWAB is used to vote for Federal offices (President/Vice President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Delegate or Resident Commissioner) in general elections.

A Federal write-in absentee ballot of an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter shall *not* be counted. —

- (1) in the case of a ballot submitted by an overseas voter who is not an absent uniformed services voter, if the ballot is submitted from any location in the United States;
- (2) if the application of the absent uniformed services voters or overseas voter for a State absentee ballot is received by the appropriate State election official after the latter of—
 - (A) the deadline of the State for receipt of such application; or
 - (B) the date that is 30 days before the general election; or
- (3) if a State absentee ballot of an absent uniformed services voters or overseas voter is received by the appropriate State election official not later than the deadline for receipt of the State absentee ballot under State law.